

## **Testimony for HB 5409**

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I support the classification of hydraulic fracturing waste as hazardous in HB 5409. This bill is a step in the right direction, however it requires more comprehensive and inclusive language in order to protect the health and safety of Connecticut's residents. Solely classifying fracking waste as hazardous is insufficient. I urge you to support a statewide ban on all fracking waste. There is absolutely no reason why Connecticut should allow any fracking waste in our state. The issue of public health and protecting the people in our state should be prioritized over any other possible reason for allowing this material to be in our state.

HB 5409 should also include language that prohibits the procurement, acquisition, possession, storage, handling, treatment, processing, application or disposal of all treated or untreated oil and gas drilling waste byproducts and their constituents for any purpose in the State of Connecticut. As is, the bill is not enough to guarantee a viable future for our state.

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